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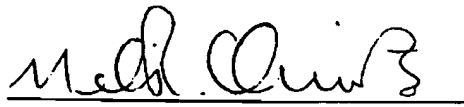
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**OFFICIAL**In re the Application of: **AMANO, Masaharu et al.**Serial No.: **09/725,314**Group Art Unit: **3671**Filed: **November 29, 2000**Examiner: **Nathan S. MAMMEN**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **8583**For: **A BUCKET TOOTH AND PRODUCING METHOD OF SAME****RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.